



PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 08971.0005-00

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Steven Y. ZHOU ) Group Art Unit: 2451  
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Application No.: 10/712,396 ) Examiner: Daftuar, Saket K.  
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Filed: November 14, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 6846  
)  
For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR )  
ADDRESS SPACING IN A )  
FIREWALL CLUSTER )

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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 13, 2009, the period for response to which having been extended through September 13, 2009, by a Petition for Extension of Time of two months and fee payment, and concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper.